



As I enter the last year of my first term in office, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It is an honor to serve as the Ward 5 Councilman.

This is a very exciting time for me and the City as we continue to move forward with redevelopment, assistance for first-time homebuyers, employment opportunities, better education and computer literacy programs for our students, street and sidewalk improvements, and overall better service to Marietta citizens.

In February, \$110,150 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be transferred to complete necessary building and site renovations at the Lawrence Street and Elizabeth Porter Recreation Centers.

The Lawrence Street Recreation Center will receive new front doors, new bleachers, gym floor renovations, and landscape and sidewalk improvements. Also, the inside and outside

will be repainted.

The Elizabeth Porter Center will receive a new scoreboard, gym floor renovations, new doors for the kitchen and computer room, and replacement of the skylights, gutters and downspouts.

The Tower Road underpass project should be completed by early to mid-spring of 2005, and this will provide an extension of the Marietta Multi-Use Trail on Tower Road from Kennesaw Avenue to Roselane Street. This 10 ft. wide patch for pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists will connect to the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and, in the future, will connect to Kennestone Hospital, Downtown Marietta, and eventually the Chattahoochee River.

Wellstar is currently completing projects on Tower Road near Church Street, signalization of Cherokee and Cherry Street, and improvements to North Avenue. These improvements are scheduled to be com-



pleted by mid-spring of 2005.

Wellstar and the City are working on the design plans for the proposed improvements to Tower Road from Roselane Street to Church Street. These improvements will provide a 4-lane boulevard from Roselane Street to Church Street as well as a new signal at the new main entrance to Kennestone across from the CVS on Tower Road. The completion is scheduled for 2006 or 2007.

Rev. Anthony Coleman,
Councilman-Ward 5
City of Marietta, GA

New Marietta Ward Redistricting Takes Effect for November General Election

The new Ward boundaries adopted by the Marietta city council will become effective for the November 8, 2005 Marietta General Election. The Cobb County Board of Elections & Registration will mail new voter registration cards to those voters that are af-

ected by the change.

If you have not registered to vote, **October 11, 2005 is the deadline to register to vote** to be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2005 General Election.

Offices up for election are:

- Mayor (elected city-wide)
- 7 council seats (elected by ward)
- 7 school board seats (elected by ward)

For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at (770) 794-5526 or

Students in the News

Student Name: Jewel Williams



Employment: Rave – Cumberland Mall (April 2004 – present)

Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) Rating of Excellence, IB Student.

Hobbies: Singing, dancing, acting, shopping

Clubs/Activities: SkillsUSA, Diversified Cooperative Training (D.C.T.), Musical Theater, Chorus, Student Venture, FCCLA, Dance, Show Choir, Gospel Choir, Step Team Captain, Student Council Representative, Literary Magazine Writer, Young Life.

Career Objective: I would like to work in the fashion industry.

College Aspirations: American Intercontinental University (AIU – Buckhead). Major – Fashion Design & Marketing.

About Myself: My name is Jewel Monique Williams. I was born August 18, 1987 in Detroit, Michigan and raised in Marietta, Georgia. I attended Mount Paran Christian School, Floyd Middle School, and I am currently finishing my senior year at Marietta High School. I was also home schooled by my mother between attending Mount Paran and Floyd. At home, I live with both of my parents and my little sister, Diamond, who just turned nine years old. My favorite thing to do is to shop. I love fashion! My future plans include studying fashion design and marketing at American Intercontinental University in Buckhead this October.

Student Name: Penelope Roussetzki



Employment: Averill Animal Hospital (Job Title: Animal Attentive) (August 2004 – present).

Clubs: SkillsUSA, Diversified Cooperative Training (D.C.T.), Art Club, Drama Club (Officer).

Honors: Spanish Honor Society, Award for Fine Arts, Honors for GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Sports: Swim Team.

Hobbies: Guitar, Painting, and Drawing.

Community Service: Translator at West Side School.

College Aspirations: Georgia State University or Atlanta College of Art, majoring in Film or Art Education.

About Myself: I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I grew up on the island until moving to Marietta two and a half years ago. It was hard for awhile to get use to the way of life in the United States. Therefore, it took me a while to get adjusted. Once I began to make new friends and got involved in school I decided that this was not such a bad place after all. I have given much thought to the goals that I would like to accomplish and many things I would like to experience in life. One of the things that I dream of doing in my life is to travel to many places around the world. I am a very motivated and responsible person that wants to succeed in life.

Career Fair

Plans are underway for this year's career fair. Look for postings in your local paper regarding details for this year.



D.C.T./SkillsUSA Activities

By Alex Massey & Tarreva Thomas



In the past few weeks, Diversified Cooperative Training (DCT)/SkillsUSA has done some exciting things. On the tenth of September, SkillsUSA/DCT, Mr. Brown and Mr. Walker kicked off the second home football game with a tailgate party for DCT students and parents. It was a blast! There were fun, food, and friends to start the Kennesaw Mountain game off well. Having a good time was the core of the theme; however, make no mistake, the hard-working members of SkillsUSA and DCT are all about team and hard work.

The second event was even more fun. On September 23rd, the covered dish occurred at the school seminar rooms. This event was awesome, too. All MHS SkillsUSA officers were installed, including DCT students Amber Ruth, Victor Hopkins, Jarvett Cox, Ericka McMath, Tarreva Thomas, and Alex Massey. Everyone had time to casually talk amongst themselves, while enjoying the plentiful and delicious food, including Mr. Walker's wonderful chicken. We all had fun and a few laughs with Mr. Bursmith, and many students had an opportunity to display the planning and public speaking skills learned in class. It's really hard to match Mr. Brown and Mr. Walker when they are involved with an event!

The first weekend in October, SkillsUSA (including DCT students)

had the opportunity to go to Jekyll Island for the Georgia SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference. I (this is Tarreva) remember the excitement that was written on everyone's face that Friday morning as we left Marietta. We were all excited that we could get away from everything that was going on around us, but we also were excited that we had an opportunity to represent our school as well as ourselves as we strove to earn the Statesman Award. That weekend we all went with the mindset that we were going to represent Marietta with pride. On the way, everyone was quiet. We were in our own zone. Some were listening to music, others reading, but mainly we were all sleeping.

Our first mission was to get our rooms and then get ready for dinner that night. We went to a lovely restaurant that was on the island. The food was marvelous. I especially loved how everyone was interacting with each other, just letting go of all our problems and having fun. Later on that night, we all went to the opening session of the conference. This was a delight as well. We learned more about SkillsUSA as well as what we were to do to get the Statesman Award. They had a motivational speaker that lifted everyone's spirits for the long process we were to be a part of for the next two days.

For the rest of the night, all the students that came went to sessions that

pertained to the office which they were elected locally. Next, they told us about our office positions and what our job was. From there on, the award process began. Everyone was trying to learn it all in one bit. We were working hard to receive that award. After the

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night was done, we all went to our rooms and fell straight to sleep. This went on for the next two days.

The final day was the best. All of the students who went to Jekyll Island from Marietta High received the award. I felt honored. It is not everyday you get to represent yourself in a positive way. To celebrate our victory, the advisors treated us at a restaurant off the island. The food was delicious! What a way to end the trip. To all of those that went I am proud of you and glad that we all could come together to prove that we are all truly "Champions at Work." SkillsUSA involves students from the Diversified Cooperative Training (D.C.T.), Graphics Communications, Healthcare Science Technology, Information Technology, and ProStart programs.

Recently, we had our annual breakfast and speaker. The breakfast was catered by our own ProStart program and our guest speaker spoke on personal and employee safety during the busy Christmas shopping season. We had fun and learned many safety tips that will help with our jobs and our own personal safety. Our counselors, administrators, and support staffs were our special guests for this event. We will be accepting applications soon for the DCT program for next year.

CALENDAR

February

April 21, 2005

August

September 21, 2005

Black History Month

Housing Forum—Marietta City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

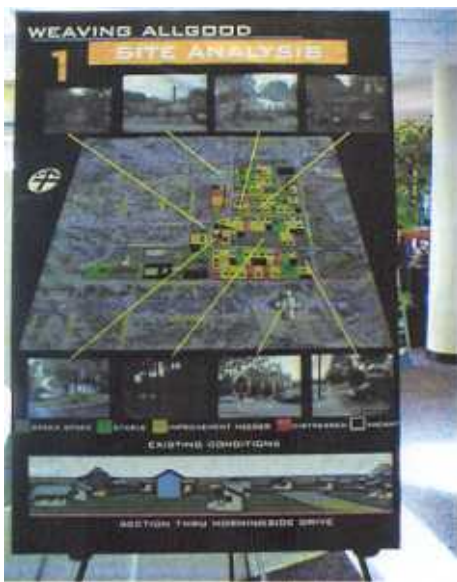
Block Party

Career Fair—Cobb Civic Center from 10:00 a.m.
until 4:00 p.m.



Allgood on the Move

As part of Marietta's citywide redevelopment efforts, senior year Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) architecture students presented conceptual design plans for neighborhood revitalization to city elected officials, staff, and commu-



nity leaders. The students focused on the Allgood Neighborhood at North Marietta Parkway and Fairground, which is one of

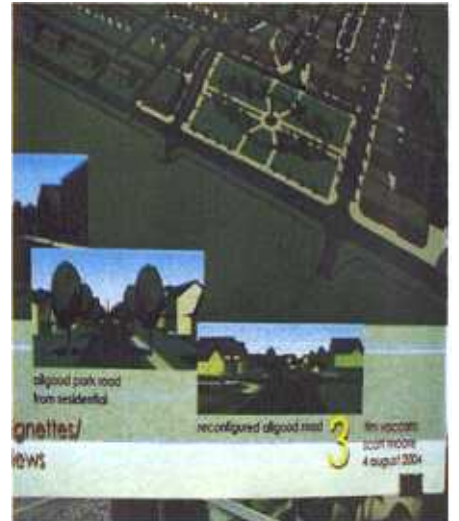
several development areas targeted for redevelopment revitalization by Council-



man Anthony Coleman and the Marietta city council.

During SPSU's fall semester, the architecture students worked in small groups to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Allgood Neighborhood. They fo-

cused on improvements to the neighborhood for the current residents by making better use of neighborhood public institutions and open space. Retail along Fairground Road was included in many of the site plans illustrating a vibrant livable work and play community. The conceptual design plans were showcased at the January 12 regular meeting of the Marietta city council.



Small Business Loans

Marietta is putting together a small business loan program with the goal of creating jobs and affordable credit to businesses in the city using \$100,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grants as seed money. HUD pledged the funds in November and funds are expected to be available this spring. For further information please contact Beth Tippins at btippins@mariettaga.gov or (770) 794-5717.

You can help me better serve you by contacting me and letting me know about your concerns.

Also, I want all of you to be involved. Please make a note of the upcoming events.



"I am accessible to you."

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